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**ITB 2020-025  
SOLOMONS ISLAND HEADWORKS PUMPING STATION UPGRADE  
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS/CLARIFICATION NO. 2**

Following are questions and answers/clarification for the above-referenced Invitation to Bid. Acknowledge receipt of this document by executing the signature block provided on each page. **This completed and signed document should be included with your bid.** Failure to do so may subject bidder to disqualification.

1. Are there detail drawings for the manholes to be installed? Size, rating? Backfill, grounding, and racking? **Yes. Detail drawings for manholes will be provided via Addendum 3. Backfill shall be per Specification Section 02223. Refer to Addendum 3 for changes to the Contract Drawings.**
2. Are road crossings inside the gate to be considered Calvert County Roads for the purpose of permitting and restoration? **Pavement located inside the gate of the pump station facility is considered to be a drive. During restoration, repair must match the existing pavement cross-section at a minimum.**
3. Do prevailing wages apply to this project? If so, please provide a decision number. **There are no wage rate requirements for this project. See Addendum No. 2.**
4. Drawing E-002 shows ductbanks SE1 and FDR1 crossing over each other entering the maintenance and storage building. Can the equipment panels be reversed to alleviate crossing these ductbanks? **Per equipment data sheets for the specified Generac ATS, a voltage selection & transformer panel is located internal on the bottom left of the enclosure which is anticipated to inhibit training of conductors for generator source and load conductors to bottom of ATS from the left hand side. This is the driver for layout of ATS to the left of power distribution panelboard with right hand entry. During construction, Contractor may coordinate with ATS manufacturer to determine if voltage selection & transformer panel may be located on right hand side of the ATS enclosure and submit an alternate ductbank and panel layout for review.**

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5. It appears that only the ductwork is subject to American Iron and Steel requirements (Section 15890 1.06 A. 4). Are imported steel and iron allowed for the ductile fittings, valves, etc.? **The ductwork is not subject to American Iron and Steel Requirements. Imported steel and iron are allowed for the ductile fittings, valves, etc. Refer to Addendum 3 for changes to the Contract Specifications.**
6. Drawing M002 appears to show Flange Coupling Adapters (F x PE), but the call-outs read Restrained Dismantling Joints (which are F x F) and Detail 1 on M003 is for a Harnessed Coupling (PE x PE). The spec 15060 lists all 3 – FCAs, DMJs and Mechanical Couplings. Which of these are required for the 6" and 10" pump discharge lines shown on M002? **Restrained dismantling joints shall be provided for the 6" and 10" pump discharge lines shown on M002. As stated in Note 2 of the DIP Harnessed Mechanical Coupling Detail on M003, tie rods shall be provided on the dismantling joints in accordance with the Tie Rod Schedule included in the detail.**
7. Is this project a prevailing wage project? **See response to Question 3.**
8. Does this project require the Buy American Steel Act? **This project does not require conformance with the Buy American Steel Act.**
9. Will Calvert County waive the building permit fee? **The Building Permit and the Erosion and Sediment Control Permit for this project has already been obtained by Calvert County Government. The Contractor will not have to pay for them. Other trades permits required under the building permit, such as the electrical permit and inspection, will be the responsibility of the Contractor.**
10. Is this project sales tax exempt? **See page 1.1 which states: "Calvert County Government is tax exempt and all prices quoted shall be exclusive of any Federal or Maryland State Taxes. This includes Federal Excise Tax and any other Excise Tax applicable to any other equipment or accessories. However, taxes are required to be paid by the Contractor on all materials and equipment to be incorporated into the Project. The Contractor is prohibited from using Calvert County Government's tax exempt number for any purchases."**
11. It appears that the MBE goal is 16% and WBE goal is 12% for a combined 38%. Please confirm if this is correct or provide updated percentages for this project. **There are no MBE or WBE goals for this project. See Addendum #2.**
12. Section 01660, Item 1.04.D - Contractor Operating Personnel – Is the intent of this section item to have a mechanic and an electrician "onsite" or "on-call" 24 hours a day for the entire 14 consecutive days "Startup" days referenced in Item 1.02.F? Please clarify. **The intent of this requirement is to have a mechanic and an electrician available on call. Continuous on-site staffing is not required.**

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13. Is there any direction on plan for a bypass set up? **Yes. Reference Specification 01540 and Addendum 3 for additional information.**
14. Are the MC's, ledgers and other steel parts of the project galvanized? **Yes. MC's, ledgers, and other steel parts shown on Contract Drawing S002 shall be galvanized in accordance with Specification Section 05500 Article 2.02.C. to match existing steel.**
15. I was not able to make the prebid, is there any way I could get on site prior to bidding? **No further site visits will be conducted prior to bid opening. No separate arrangements to visit the site will be made for those who missed the pre-bid meeting and subsequent site visit.**
16. Is this job "buy American"? **See response to Question 8.**
17. My boss is going to bid on the Solomons Island Pumping Station Upgrade. He would like to bid directly through the government and not through Patriot, the company that sent us the bid information. I was wondering if you would be the person to receive the bids or if you could point me in the right direction please. **See page 1.0 of the ITB for directions.**
18. I was reviewing the bid documents for the Solomons Island Upgrade and I did not see a price range. I was wondering if there was a price range that we would have to be respectful of? **No price range is available to provide. It is the Contractor's responsibility to provide proposed price per their bid.**

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